

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheet of drawings include changes to Fig. 8A. This sheet, which includes Figs. 8A-8E, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 8A-8E.

Attachments: Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections and Marked-up Drawings

Replacement Sheet

**REMARKS**

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-24 are now pending in this application.

Claims 1-3, and 13-15 have been amended. Applicants believe that no new matter has been introduced by this Preliminary Amendment. Entry of this Amendment before examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is submitted concurrently herewith.

**Drawings**

A Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections is filed herewith. Applicant's request approval of amended Figure 8A. In Fig. 8A, "B" has been replaced with --R--.

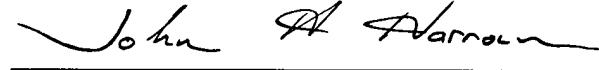
**AUTHORIZATION**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4809.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4809.

Respectfully submitted,  
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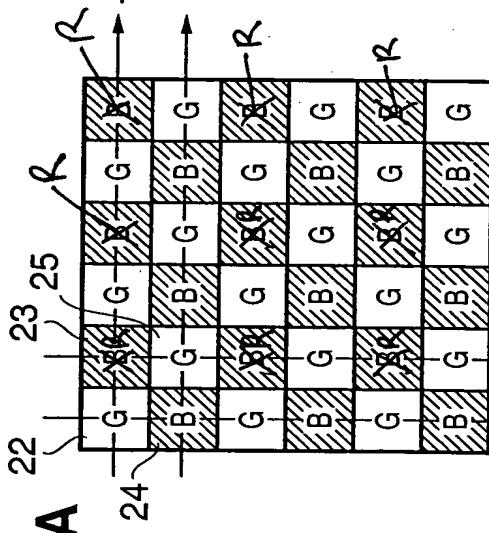
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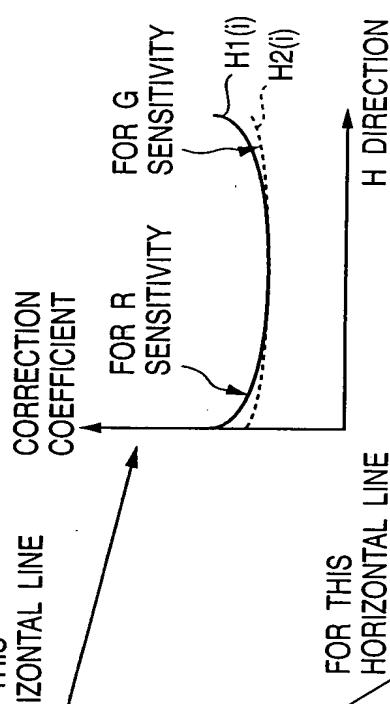
Marked-Up Drawings



**FIG. 8A**

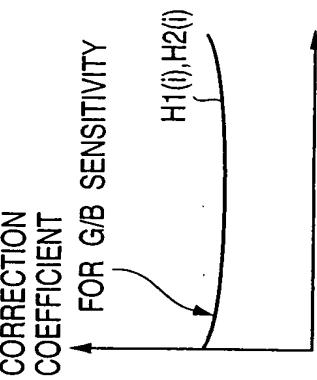


**FIG. 8B**

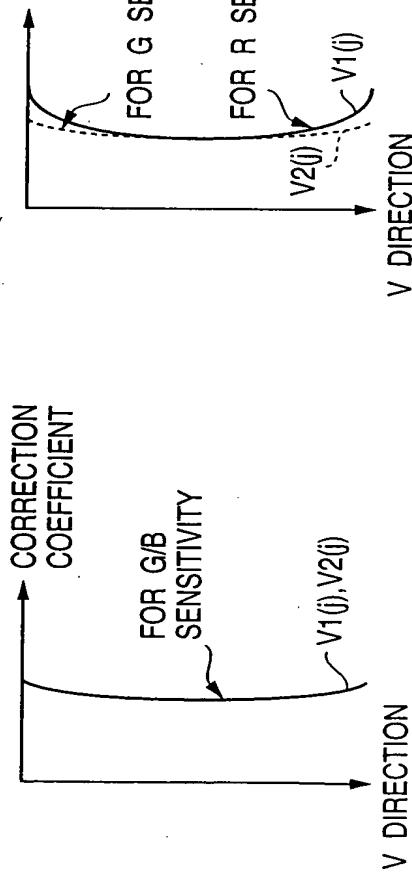


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**FIG. 8C**



**FIG. 8E**



**FIG. 8D**